

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please **cancel the paragraph directly under the Title on page 1 of the specification** as follows:

~~CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION~~

~~The present application is a National Phase of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/019480 filed on December 20, 2004, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-425960, filed December 22, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Please **revise paragraph [0078] of the specification** as follows:

[0078] An engagement recess portion (retainer-side engagement portion) 34 having first and second arc-shaped openings (recesses) 34a with which the convex engagement portion 14 of the mating pipe 12 can be engaged from a radially-inward side, as well as a retaining engagement groove (retainer-side retaining engagement portion) 36 which can be fitted to the retaining engagement portion 32 of the connector body 18 also from the radially-inward side to be retained in the axial direction, are provided on this retainer 20.

[0079] This retaining engagement groove 36 is retainingly engaged with the retaining engagement portion 32 of the retainer holding portion 26, so that the retainer 20 is held in a

fixed condition in the axial direction by this retainer holding portion 26. In particular, as can be seen in FIG. 2, retainer 20 includes a first arc-shaped portion 33a which projects outwardly into one of the box-shaped windows 30 of the retainer holding portion 26, and a second arc-shaped portion 33b which projects outwardly into the other of the box shaped windows 30 of the retainer holding ~~portion 20~~ portion 26. As can be seen in FIG. 1, when the mating pipe 12 is fixed in an axial direction in the retainer, and the retainer 20 is held in the connector body 18, the convex engagement portion 14 of the mating pipe 12 and the arc-shaped portions 33a, 33b are located directly under the box-shaped windows 30 of the retainer holding portion 26, and are visible when viewed through each of the box-shaped windows 30.

No new matter has been added.